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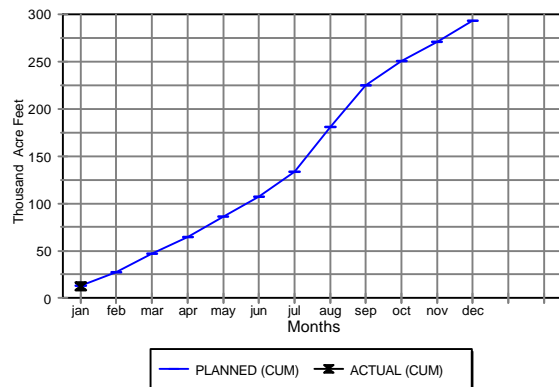
## Newsletter to Provide Updates Between Meetings

At the June 1999 AWBA meeting, Authority members voted to reduce the number of AWBA meetings through adoption of a quarterly meeting schedule. Consequently, the AWBA staff has developed this newsletter to provide periodic updates on water deliveries and other issues in an effort to keep interested parties informed. However, parties should note that there may be more frequent AWBA meetings due to increased staff activity with regard to interstate banking issues.

Please contact Gerry Wildeman if you have an item of interest for inclusion in a future newsletter.

## AWBA Water Deliveries

**2000 DELIVERIES (by Month)**  
Planned vs. Actual



## January Water Deliveries

Phoenix Active Management Area	8,726 AF
Pinal Active Management Area	2,476 AF
Tucson Active Management Area	<u>1,122 AF</u>
Total For January	12,324 AF

**Total Deliveries (through January) 12,324 AF**

## Arizona Department of Water Resources makes Positive Determination Regarding Rule

A special meeting of the AWBA and the Arizona Department of Water Resources was held on January 13, 2000 to discuss whether the Bureau of Reclamation Rule Governing Offstream Storage of Colorado River Water (published on November 1, 1999) met the statutory requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-2427. Michael Pearce, Chief Counsel for ADWR, convened the meeting to solicit public comment to assist in preparation of his final legal opinion to the Director of ADWR.

On January 25, 2000, Mr. Pearce presented Rita Pearson with his final opinion which stated that the statutory requirements in AWBA's authorizing legislation were satisfied. Ms. Pearson concurred with Mr. Pearce's opinion and concluded that Arizona's rights were adequately protected under the federal rule. Ms. Pearson presented her determination to the AWBA on January 26, 2000 at their special meeting (see story on next page).

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## Water Bank Holds Special Meeting

The AWBA held a special meeting on January 26, 2000 to initiate discussion on principles of negotiation for interstate agreements for the offstream storage of Colorado River water.

The meeting resulted in formation of a committee tasked with initiating exploratory discussions with Nevada and California. The subject of the discussions will be the principles of negotiation which were presented at the meeting by Tim Henley, AWBA manager. A preliminary list of the principles was distributed at the meeting.

Based on direction from the members to explore the opportunities for interstate banking, meetings with California and Nevada have been scheduled for early February. Staff will summarize the information gathered in these meetings for presentation to the board at the next AWBA meeting.

## Status of New Water Storage Permits

The AWBA received water storage permits for the constructed and managed portions of the Agua Fria recharge facility on January 6, 2000. The Agua Fria facility is being developed by the CAWCD and is the first recharge project in Arizona to incorporate a combination of streambed recharge and infiltration basins in a single facility.

The AWBA received a water storage permit for the Lower Santa Cruz recharge facility on January 18, 2000. The Lower Santa Cruz facility is a joint development by the CAWCD and the Pima County Flood Control District.

Staff are currently preparing water storage agreements for both facilities.

## AWBA Supports Senate Bill 1364

Senate Bill 1364 has been proposed by the CAWCD. If passed, SB 1364 would grant limited eminent domain authority to the CAWCD to assist it in securing access to aquifers for water recharge projects. On January 31, 2000, the AWBA forwarded a letter to the Senate and House of Representatives formally endorsing the legislation.

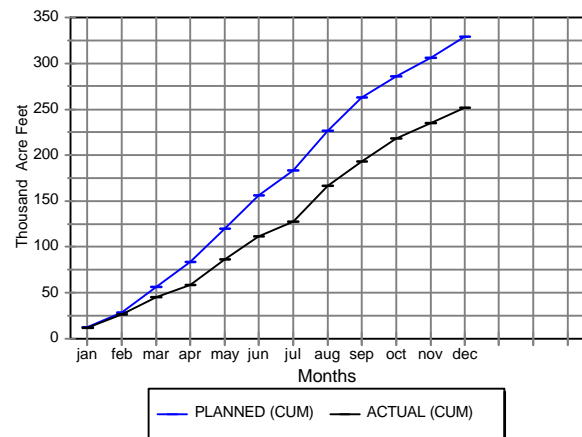
## MEETINGS

The next AWBA meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 14, 2000** at the Arizona Department of Water Resources from 10:00-12:00 p.m.

The major agenda item will likely be discussion regarding interstate banking.

## Summary of Water Deliveries— 1999

**1999 DELIVERIES (by Month )**  
Planned vs. Actual



Phoenix Active Management Area	162,303 AF
Pinal Active Management Area	67,795 AF
Tucson Active Management Area	<u>21,394 AF</u>

Total For 1999 **251,492 AF**

Total Water and Facility Cost **\$8,369,173.00**

**Recovery Subcommittee Meeting**  
Thursday, **March 2, 2000** from **10-12 p.m.**  
at ADWR Conference Room A

### Items of Discussion

1. Presentation of GIS data CD
2. Presentation and Discussion of Recovery Scenarios